**XXX First Nation Jordan’s Principle Outreach**

**2023-2024**

**Project Title:**  XXX First Nation Jordan’s Principle Outreach

**Recipient:**  XXX First Nation

**Contact Name:**  Wab Kinew, XXFN Jordan’s Principle Director

Key Partnering Organizations:

* First Nation & Inuit Health Branch
* Non-Insured Health Benefits
* Chiefs Organizations
* Regional Health Authorities
* Rehabilitation Centre for Children
* Chief and Councils
* Community Health Centres and Health Directors
* Child and Family Services organizations
* School Divisions, school principles and staff

**Background**

To understand the wellness of our First Nation communities, we must look at the historical factors and colonization. The intergenerational trauma and cultural dislocation from our land and tradition caused by these two factors has left an impact that has been passed down through many generations.

Current statistics show that the national rate for suicide, alcohol and substance abuse for First Nation community members are higher than the general public. Therefore, addressing wellness and contributing factors is a big priority for our community.

When focusing on the wellness of our community, we provide a holistic, coordinated, comprehensive and inclusive of First Nations culture knowledge. Our goal is to include the involvement of Knowledge Keepers, families and community member to help build a healthy community for our children. We strongly believe that the focus on our culture, language and creation is the key to break the cycle of intergenerational trauma and effects that colonization has had on our people.

We also like to focus on the strengths and resilience of our communities rather than the deficits.

It is important to note, the limited cultural and land-based programming we have has made a huge impact on our community. Many families, youth and children have reported that when connected to their culture they were empowered and felt a sense of spiritual balance. This reassures us that our culture and land-based programming is crucial in supporting the needs of our community. Moreover, we are empowered to know that we can create change.

**Jordan’s Principle program funding has enabled a positive change in bringing XXFN families together for healing through providing appropriate programming and resources. We have noticed two major deficiencies in the current programming:**

1. **Insufficient back-to-basics funding for on-reserve children and families. We are requesting an increase of the current back-to-basics funding to $1,800.000.**
2. **Outreach program for off-reserve members is manages by a third party organization (West Region Tribal Council) resulting in process delays, complaints from families and inadequate service and support delivery for the children. We are requesting a transfer of the off-reserve outreach funding to the band. XXFN Jordan’s Principle program will support our off reserve families in a timely, efficient and compassionate manner.**

**Duration of Project**

The services shall commence upon approval of the proposed funding and shall continue through indefinitely as part of the fully approved Jordan’s Principle program.

**Description of Programming**

Increase in on reserve back-to-basics funding will be used to support children and families through:

1. Land-based healing activities
2. Assisting with clothing, food and other basic necessities
3. Adequate respite support
4. Addressing child specific needs including counselling, transportation and healing
5. Providing home air filtration systems for children with asthma and allergies

Off reserve outreach funding will be used for:

1. Creating a support process for off-reserve families including Jordan’s Principle offices in Winnipeg and other places with large XXFN member population.
2. Providing back-to-basics support and resources for off-reserve members including, food, clothing, shelter, respite and other necessities.
3. Land based family activities for healing and bringing families together.
4. Counselling and mental health support.

**Deliverables**

1. Addressing the current deficiency in the on reserve back-to-basics supports including food, clothing, shelter, transportation and counselling.
2. Home air filtration systems for children with asthma and severe allergies.
3. Dedicated support workers and Jordan’s Principle offices for off-reserve members.
4. Timely and adequate support for off reserve children and families.
5. Healing land-based activities for children and families on and off reserve.

**Funding Requested**

1. Increase of on reserve back-to-basics funding to $1,800,000.
2. Off reserve outreach:



Submitted by: XXX First Nation